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LCO No. 1789



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:
(HS)

***AN ACT REQUIRING ADVANCE LEGISLATIVE NOTICE OF
GUIDELINES AND BULLETINS RELATING TO POLICIES AND
REGULATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-10 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2016*):

4 (a) The Department of Social Services shall prepare and routinely
5 update state medical services and public assistance manuals. The
6 pages of such manuals shall be consecutively numbered and indexed,
7 containing all departmental policy regulations and substantive
8 procedure, written in clear and concise language. [Said] such manuals
9 shall be published online by the department and linked to the
10 eRegulations System. All policy manuals of the department, as they
11 exist on May 23, 1984, including the supporting bulletins but not
12 including statements concerning only the internal management of the
13 department and not affecting private rights or procedures available to
14 the public, shall be construed to have been adopted as regulations in

15 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54. After May 23, 1984, any
16 policy issued by the department, except a policy necessary to conform
17 to a requirement of a federal or joint federal and state program
18 administered by the department, including, but not limited to, the state
19 supplement program to the Supplemental Security Income Program,
20 shall be adopted as a regulation in accordance with the provisions of
21 chapter 54. Not later than sixty days prior to disseminating guidelines
22 and bulletins related to any department program, the department shall
23 submit such guidelines and bulletins to the joint standing committee of
24 the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human
25 services for review.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2016	17b-10(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To ensure that the Department of Social Services notifies the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services of any guidelines and bulletins relating to department programs.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]